PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

PYKETT et al.

Appln. No.: PCT/EP00/08729

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For: SKINCARE COMPOSITION AGAINST FREE RADICALS

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 11, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 as follows:

- (Amended) Topical compositions as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ester of tocopherol is tocopherol acetate.
- 4. (Amended) Topical compositions as claimed in claim 1 wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present lies in the range 0.001 to 10% by weight.
- 5. (Amended) Topical compositions as claimed in claim 1 wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present lies in the range 0.5 to 5% by weight.
- 6. (Amended) Topical compositions as claimed in claim 1 wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present lies in the range 1 to 2% by weight.